

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1296**  
Toshiaki TAKEZAWA et al : Attorney Docket No. 2001\_1784A  
Serial No. 09/980,246 : Group Art Unit 1651  
Filed January 3, 2002 : Examiner Vera AFREMOVA

TISSUE SECTION-CONTAINING CARRIER : **Mail Stop: AF**  
FOR CULTURE OF ANIMAL CELLS, AND  
METHOD OF USING THE CARRIER FOR  
CULTURE AND TRANSPLANTATION OF  
ANIMAL CELLS

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**AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated March 1, 2006, the period for response having been extended for three months by the attached petition, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

A Notice of Appeal hereby accompanies this response.

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975